# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
# LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Skilled Officers
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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether there is a shortage of skilled officers in Statistical Department;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the said shortage has affected the functioning of the department; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
[SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA]
(a) to (b) As on 01.07.2017, 891 positions are vacant in the grades of Junior Statistical Officer (JSO) [Vacant-772] and Senior Statistical Officer (SSO) [Vacant-119] in the Subordinate Statistical Service (SSS).
These vacancies are due to high rate of attrition and not many people joining as JSO after having been selected by Staff selection Commission (SSC) which can be attributed to lower grade pay of Rs.4200 and Rs.4600 of JSOs and SSOs respectively as compared to other similarly placed organized Group-B Services.
The Government in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation (MoSPI) is aware of the need to effectively address the shortage of manpower. This Ministry has requested the SSC to recruit 666 candidates for the posts of JSO through Combined Graduate Level Examination (CGLE) 2016. Promotion of 286 JSOs to the post of SSO has already been made on 20.04.2017.
In consonance with the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, this Ministry has recommended grant of commensurate grade pay of Rs.4600 for JSOs and Rs.4800 for SSOs of SSS to the Ministry of Finance in order to attract talent and to arrest high rate of attrition.
(c) No, Madam.
(d) Does not arise.
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